

Holiday 2011, Ho ho ho



Recycling E-News

Recycling Information from
Waukesha County
waukeshacounty.gov/recycling

Seasons greetings from Waukesha County
Recycling! We hope you have a
merry and *green* holiday season!



Recycling and the Holidays

Like stockings and candy canes, trees and ornaments, **recycling and the holidays** go together! The holiday season is a prime time for being aware of recycling with all of the cooking, parties, gift exchanging, and traveling we do - there are many opportunities to make sure we recycle everything we can!

Cooking - be sure to recycle all steel and aluminum cans, empty plastic bottles, paper cartons (juice, soup) and even empty aerosol cans when finished. Plastic bottles #1 and #2 can be recycled, even if they aren't drinking containers. (i.e. olive oil bottles, ketchup.)



Parties - be sure to recycle all aluminum cans, and glass and plastic bottles. If you are away from home, be mindful of what the host is doing to recycle, and if they aren't, offer to assist by taking home the recyclables.

Gift exchanging - all paper and cardboard packaging surely should be recycled after opening gifts. Unfortunately, wrapping paper is generally not recyclable through our facility at this time. Want to make a 'greener' choice in wrapping? Use reusable boxes, gift bags, or wrap the gifts

Christmas Trees



Does your Christmas tree get recycled after the holidays?

Communities in Waukesha County have various practices for what happens to the trees after they are picked up from the curb.

Some communities chip the trees and use the chips for mulch or composting, while others landfill them. Contact your local municipality for more information.

To recycle your tree naturally at home, follow these tips from the UW-Extension:

[Christmas Tree Recycling](#)

To learn about home composting, visit:

waukeshacounty.gov/composting

'O Recycling Bin'

in colorful newspaper for a recyclable option.

Green Idea! [Give green gifts instead!](#)

Traveling - when we are on the go, we need to continue our 'green' ways. Use reusable water bottles and coffee mugs, instead of Styrofoam and paper cups. Also seek to recycle all the usual stuff, even if you have to hold onto it until you find a recycling bin.

If we all are more mindful, we can still enjoy the holiday season, while maintaining proper respect for the environment and reducing waste.

Recycling Xmas Lights

Many people are making the switch to LED Christmas lights, with good reason! They are durable, shine bright, and are more energy efficient than old-fashioned incandescent bulbs.

The good news is **recycling the old strands is easier than ever!**

Light strands are made of multiple valuable materials, including glass and copper, making them an ideal item for recycling.



Simply bring your old Christmas light strands to one of our public electronics drop off sites and they will be get recycled, or contact your local scrap metal company to see if they will accept them.

For a list of locations, visit waukeshacounty.gov/electronic recycling and click on the PDF link in the middle of the page.



O Recycling Bin! O Recycling Bin!
Thy contents are so expanding;

Not just the same, for 20 years
But now cartons, too,
'tis accepted here.

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Filling you, 'tis so exciting!

[Happy Holidays!](#)

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